French & Italian Rivieras

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day 1 | In Transit
Depart for Nice, France.

Day 2 | Nice, France
Upon arrival, transfer to the Hotel Aston La Scala. Later today, meet your fellow travelers at a Welcome Reception and Dinner.

Day 3 | Nice
Enrichment: The Lives of Matisse & Chagall on the Côte d’Azur.

Discoyer the illustrious French and Italian Rivieras. Thrill to decadent towns hugged by blue seas and sunny skies that blaze with brilliance. Begin in France’s Côte d’Azur and bask in the sensational highlights of Nice, Monaco and medieval Èze. Continue into Italy to explore Portofino and Santa Margherita, alluring villages with historic centers. Uncover the romance of the Cinque Terre where quiet alleys lead to staggering vistas. Plus, enjoy a special Italian cooking class! Whether enjoying fresh seafood or exploring lauded landmarks, every moment will dazzle you!

Enhanced Health & Safety Protocols (see website for details)

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Day 5 | **Villefranche-sur-Mer | Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat |**

**Villefranche-sur-Mer & Villa Ephrussi.** Experience Mediterranean life in Villefranche-sur-Mer, an idyllic corner of paradise with candy-colored buildings and a harbor filled with sleek yachts. Next, explore the Cap-Ferrat peninsula, a playground for glitterati and billionaires. Visit the palatial Villa Ephrussi, built for Baroness Béatrice de Rothschild. The villa is decorated with sumptuous furnishings and has a remarkable art collection. Enjoy panoramic views from the villa.

Day 6 | **Genoa | Sestri Levante, Italy |**

**Riv to Riv.** Bid farewell to the French Riviera and depart the Côte d’Azur for Genoa, Italy’s leading port city. After lunch, admire panoramic city views from Spianata Castelletto. Stroll along the grand Via Garibaldi, lined with the elegant façades and balconies of Renaissance palaces. Continue down timeworn streets to see the Columbus House, the black-and-white striped Cathedral of San Lorenzo and the Palazzo Ducale. Stop to taste some local gelato; then continue to Sestri Levante and check in to your hotel.

Day 7 | **Sestri Levante |**

**Enrichment: The Riviera di Levante.**

**Sestri Levante.** Join your guide for a walking tour of Sestri Levante, brimming with cheerful squares, golden beaches and buildings with eye-catching trompe l’oeil. This decoration style, which uses paint and fancy stencil work to create incredible designs and illusions, is one of the region’s unique charms.

**AHI Connects: Italian Cooking Lesson.** A local chef demonstrates how to make authentic *pesto alla genovese*, a delectable basil sauce, and *focaccia*, a classic savory bread. Enjoy lunch after the lesson.

Day 8 | **Porto Venere | Manarola | Vernazza |**

**Cinque Terre.** These stunning villages were once isolated from the world and few places will touch your heart like this patchwork of towns tumbling to the sea. Begin in Porto Venere, overlooking the Bay of Poets. Visit Manarola, surrounded by vineyards and replete with whimsical alleys. Marvel at the coastline on a cruise, passing clifftop Corniglia and Vernazza. Cap off your excursion with a delicious lunch at a waterside trattoria (an Italian-style restaurant) in Vernazza.

Day 9 | **Sestri Levante**

**Free Time:** Spend the day crafting your own path. ☀ **Elective | Carrara.** Visit the legendary marble quarries that have been sought after by sculptors through the centuries. Tour a working quarry and see local artisans in their studios.

**Enrichment: A Contemporary View of Italy.**

Day 10 | **Rapallo | Portofino | Santa Margherita**

**Italian Riviera.** Unwind amid the relaxed vibe of seaside Rapallo before traveling to lovely Santa Margherita. Cruise to glitzy Portofino with its gorgeous waterfront promenade; then sail to Santa Margherita and spend time exploring the beautiful village.

Raise a toast to celebrate at a Farewell Reception and Dinner tonight. Your restaurant overlooks the sensational Bay of Silence.

Day 11 | **In Transit**

Transfer ☁ to the Genoa airport for the return flight ☁ to your gateway city.

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**Included Features**

**Accommodations** [with baggage handling]
- 4 nights in Nice, France, at the first-class Hotel Aston La Scala.
- 5 nights in Sestri Levante, Italy, at the first-class Hotel Vis a Vis.

**Transfers** [with baggage handling]
- Deluxe motor coach transfers during the Land Program.

**Extensive Meal Program**
- 9 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 4 dinners, including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.

**Your One-of-a-Kind Journey**
- Small group: Sized just right at 28 guests.
- AHI Travel Assurance plan covers Accident and Sickness Medical Expense, Trip Delay and Emergency Evacuation for U.S. residents.
- Enrichment by expert speakers enhances your insight into the region.
- Engaging excursions showcase the local culture, heritage and history.
- ☀ Electives and free time to pursue your individual interests.
- ☀ AHI Sustainability Promise: We strive to make a positive impact wherever we travel.
- ☀ AHI Connects: Local immersion.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions to mingle with fellow travelers.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.

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VAT & port tax supplement are an additional $395 per person. All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy and do not include air transportation costs (unless otherwise stated).

Single accommodations are an additional $995 (limited availability).

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Note: Itinerary sequence and/or scheduled events may change. Walking is required on many excursions.

Flights ☁ and transfers ☁ provided for AHI FlexAir participants. ☀ Electives available at an additional cost.

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Above: Vernazza, Cinque Terre, Italy | Above right: Monte Carlo, Monaco

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